

REMARKS

This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 9, 2004. Replacement sections for the amendments to the specification are submitted. In addition, a complete listing of all claims is submitted. Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of these amendments, which are identical to the amendments filed December 1, 2003. Accordingly, claims 18 to 25 are under consideration.

CONCLUSION

Applicants maintain that claims 18 to 25 clearly and patentably define the invention, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the various grounds set forth in the Office Action, and respectfully request the allowance of the claims which are now pending.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicant's representative can be reached at (858) 509-4065.

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Respectfully submitted,

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